

Where Are They? Help Us Find These Members



In May, the Board of Directors of East-Central Iowa Rural Electric Cooperative voted to retire \$569,725 in patronage back to its members. These margins—100% (\$469,725) of its 2006 margins and 12.35% (\$100,000) of its 2015 margins—were credited to current members on their June bills. Former members were sent checks. The 90-day window to cash these checks has now passed, and several people have not yet cashed their checks. These dividends will be forfeited to the Cooperative if not claimed within one year.

Scan the QR code to access a link to the list of members. If you know someone on the list, please contact that person, or their next of kin, and ask them to contact our office. ECI REC will require personal identification and/or legal documentation from these people to confirm their membership before dividends can be claimed. Please do not contact ECI REC unless you have the necessary documentation for the member listed. This list was current at the time of this printing.



Patronage represents the margins, or profits, that the Cooperative earns on electricity purchased by its member-accounts. These margins are the member-accounts' equity in East-Central Iowa REC. The Cooperative uses this equity to maintain its poles and wires, rebuild its distribution system, and pay expenses. When ECI REC's financial condition allows, these margins are returned back to the members who generated them. In the past 10 years, ECI REC has returned \$5,635,395 to its members.



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MORE SAVINGS. MORE MEMORIES.







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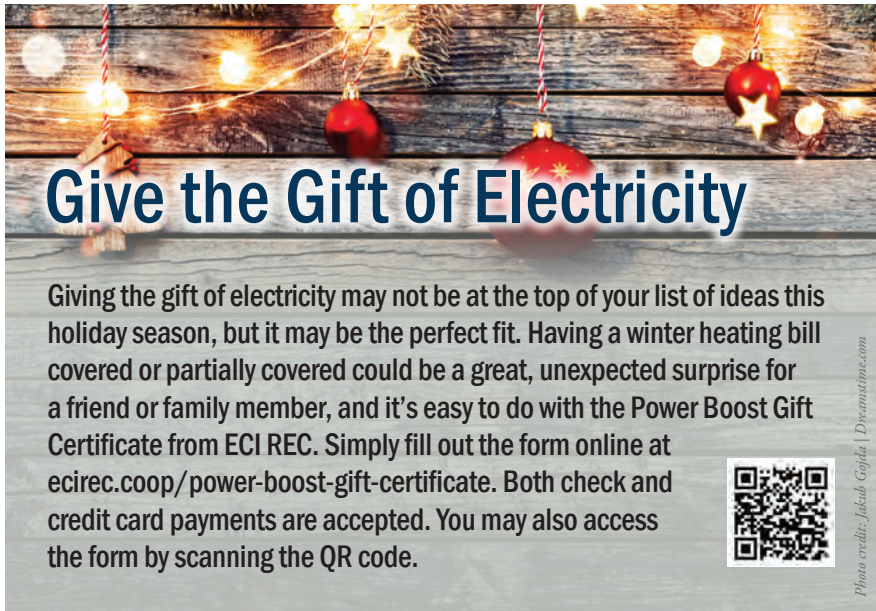


Save money this holiday season using ECI REC's Co-op Connections® Card. Get cash back when shopping online and local discounts on all your gift-buying needs (our participants are listed below).

- Emmy Lou Candles
- Polar Blair's Den
- Bill's Pizza & Smokehouse
- Cy & Charley's Tire & Appliances
- E & T NAPA Auto Parts
- Fabulous Fridays
- Heartland Acres Agribition Center
- Cameron Clothing Company
- Michael & Dowd
- Styles Unlimited
- Berry's Lanes, Inc.
- In the Country Garden & Gifts
- Frazier Nursery
- Henkle Creek Mercantile
- Subway
- Viking Sewing Center
- The NEWS/Buchanan County Review

ONLINE RESOURCES FROM YOUR COOPERATIVE

 <p>WEBSITE</p> <p>Visit the ECI REC website at ecirec.coop to access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resources on billing and electrical services Power outage information, including a real-time map Energy-saving tips and rebates Newsletters and bill inserts And much more 	 <p>ONLINE ACCOUNT ACCESS</p> <p>Manage your account right from your computer or device with SmartHub. Download the secure app for free or go to ecirec.smarthub.coop to register and log into the SmartHub website. With SmartHub, you can access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily and monthly power use graphs Online bill payment Electric account management tools 	 <p>FORMS</p> <p>ECI REC offers a whole host of PDFs online for members to make it easy to sign up for various programs and services, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarships and Youth Tour Rebates for heating/cooling, water heaters, and weatherization. RECare and the Helping Hand Reminder 	 <p>OUTAGE MAP</p> <p>View real-time power outages on our website, ecirec.coop. Please call 877-850-4343 to report an outage or with questions concerning outages. Members can click on their township to get an estimate of the number of members experiencing an outage in that area.</p>	 <p>SOCIAL MEDIA</p> <p>Stay up to date with ECI REC by liking the Cooperative on Facebook. You'll find outage information, energy-saving tips, pictures, co-op news, and updates on legislative efforts—just to name a few things!</p> 
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Give the Gift of Electricity

Giving the gift of electricity may not be at the top of your list of ideas this holiday season, but it may be the perfect fit. Having a winter heating bill covered or partially covered could be a great, unexpected surprise for a friend or family member, and it's easy to do with the Power Boost Gift Certificate from ECI REC. Simply fill out the form online at ecirec.coop/power-boost-gift-certificate. Both check and credit card payments are accepted. You may also access the form by scanning the QR code.



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Proud to Support Our Youth!

High School Seniors: Bank Bucks for College

ECI REC Scholarship Program

ECI REC offers \$1,000 scholarships to ten students to continue their education in any field, plus two additional \$1,000 scholarships for students accepted to the Powerline Technology program at Northwest Iowa Community College.

**APPLY BY
WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 2.**



It's Back! Apply Now for 2022 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.

Want to spend a week in Washington, D.C., this summer—for free? Apply to attend the Youth Tour, made possible by ECI REC. We'll send two area juniors to this fun-filled week. The event will take place June 18-24, 2022.

**APPLY BY
WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 23.**



Both scholarship and Youth Tour opportunities are available to students whose parents are members of ECI REC. Read more about both programs at ecirec.coop.

Power Boost Gift Certificate

Complete the form below and return with your payment to:
ECI REC | PO Box 248 | Urbana, IA 52345

ECI REC's payment received stamp goes here. Credit is VOID if stamp is not present.

Gift Giver Information

Your Name: _____ Your Phone #: _____

Your Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Your Email Address: _____

Amount of Gift (\$5 minimum): _____

Enclosed is my check for the above amount. *Make check payable to East-Central Iowa REC.*

Please bill my credit card (circle one): VISA MasterCard Discover

Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Signature: _____

..... *The below will be sent to the recipient*

You've been given a gift!
_____ (giver's name) has given you a credit of \$ _____ on your ECI REC electric account.

Recipient's Information

Recipient's Name(s): *Person's name receiving the credit to their electric bill.* _____

Account # (if available) or Recipient's Phone #: _____

Recipient's Property Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



Your Co-op Connections® Card offers you Healthy Savings and local and national deals. Use your card to start saving today! Questions? Email coopconnections@ecirec.coop.



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